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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norikazu NIIMI

Group Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 10/728,956

Examiner: N. MAI

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Docket No.: 118002

For: SINTERED BODIES OF YTTRIUM-ALUMINUM GARNET, A METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND SINTERING AID THEREFOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 12, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 15-24 are pending in this application.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 3-10 and 17-24 are objected to as allegedly being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1-2 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 06-107456 ("JP '456") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,454,822 ("Rosenflanz"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.